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SERIAL NO. : (To be assigned)  
FILED : (Herewith)  
FOR : ANGLE DETECTION APPARATUS, OPTICAL  
SIGNAL SWITCH SYSTEM AND INFORMATION  
RECORDING AND REPRODUCTION SYSTEM  
GROUP ART UNIT : (Unassigned)  
Examiner : (Unassigned)

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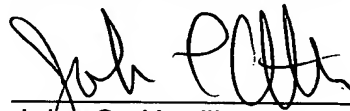
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In conformance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(b)(1), the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention.

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, copies of the references are submitted herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear in the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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